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Subject: **Re The President's Report for the June issue:**

Gentlemen,

I received the President's report for the June issue this morning, no major problems with the comments as harsh as I thought they may be, I was quite happy to print them word for word, without any rebuff or comment.

I had intended to ring Richard (Vice President) to seek advice on whether I should send this report to the rest of the Executive members (in the Friday Pack) so they were aware of the contents, and request them to keep the contents confidential until the magazine was printed (but I believed they needed to be aware of the comments before they read it in the magazine).

I am appalled to have a copy of the same report faxed to me from a beekeeper who I would have thought had no right to it before they had seen it in the magazine, or before the Executive had seen it (no this was not an Executive member). Is this the type of action we are going to see on National Beekeepers' Association issues before Conference from your President?

Gentlemen, we need to have some common sense prevail for our industries sake. I struggle to believe that the release of this report to ??? (who knows how many) people, 3 minutes after it was faxed to me, and before the Executive have been informed, is common sense. Is this the way you would run your own business?

I am happy to accept criticism within an Executive meeting, but if I have to take legal action to protect my company and my reputation in the market place I will. The above sort of action, plus the phone calls we have received from the industry on what is allegedly being said about myself by the President is totally unacceptable to myself, my company, and I trust to you.

Yours sincerely

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